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Application No. 10/560,918 )  
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For: MODIFIED HIRUDIN PROTEINS AND )  
T-CELL EPITOPES IN HIRUDIN )  
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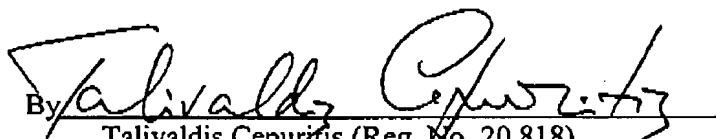
Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 27 March 2007 on the above-identified application. In response thereto, applicants hereby elect the peptide represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 for further prosecution at this time. Claim 9 defines the elected invention.

Early passing of this application to issue is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

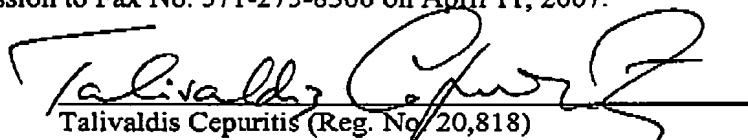
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